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SUBJECT: FRENCH URANIUM ENRICHMENT CONTRACT WITH USSR

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1. THE EC COMMISSION AGAIN POSTPONED DISCUSSIONS THIS WEEK ON THE FRENCH PURCHASE OF ENRICHED URANIUM SERVICES FROM THE USSR WITHOUT GOING THROUGH THE EURATOM SUPPLY AGENCY. THE MATTER HAS BEEN RESCHEDULED FOR THE FIRST COMMISSION MEETING IN JANUARY 1975. OBOUSIER WAS UNWILLING TO PREDICT OUTCOME OF THE COMMISSION ACTION BUT INDICATED SIMONET SUPPORTED RAISING THE ISSUE FORMALLY WITH THE FRENCH IN A MANNER THAT WOULD REQUIRE A REPLY AS TO WHETHER THEY INTEND TO ABIDE BY THE EURATOM SUPPLY AGENCY'S ROLE IN PROVIDING NUCLEAR MATERAIL FOR MEMBER STATES.

2. IN A SEPARATE CONVERSATION ON THIS SAME SUBJECT, EC COMMISSIONER BRUNNER TOLD AMBASSADOR GREENWALD THAT THE COMMISSION FAVORS TAKING THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT TO THE EUROPEAN COURT OVER THE ISSUE. GREENWALD

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